

The President announced his intention to appoint Warren B. Rudman as Chair of the Special Oversight Board for Department of Defense Investigations of Gulf War Chemical and Biological Incidents.

### **February 25**

In the morning, the President traveled to Kissimmee, FL, and in the afternoon, he traveled to San Francisco, CA.

### **February 26**

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Oakland, CA. Later, he traveled to Salt Lake City, UT.

The President announced his intention to nominate Q. Todd Dickinson to be Deputy Assistant Secretary and Deputy Commissioner of the Patent and Trademark Office at the Department of Commerce.

The President announced that four additional California counties, hard hit by torrential rain, are eligible for Federal disaster assistance.

### **February 27**

The President announced his intention to appoint Michael Lewan as member and Chair and Edgar Gluck as a member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

### **Submitted February 23**

Raymond L. Bramucci,  
of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, vice Timothy M. Barnicle, resigned.

Seth D. Harris,  
of New York, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, vice Maria Echaveste, resigned.

Patrick A. Mulloy,  
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, vice Charles F. Meissner.

### **Withdrawn February 23**

John Warren McGarry,  
of Massachusetts, to be a member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2001, which was sent to the Senate on January 7, 1997.

### **Submitted February 24**

Melvin R. Wright,  
of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice Henry Harold Kennedy, Jr., elevated.

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William C. Apgar, Jr.,  
of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, vice Michael A. Stegman, resigned.

Sue Bailey,  
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, vice Stephen C. Joseph, resigned.

Michael J. Copps,  
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, vice Raymond E. Vickery, Jr., resigned.

Ruth Y. Goldway,  
of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2002, vice Edward J. Quick, Jr., term expired.

Deidre A. Lee,  
of Oklahoma, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, vice Steven Kelman, resigned.

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## **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as

items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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**Released February 20**

Transcript of a press briefing by Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala and Surgeon General David Satcher on racial and ethnic disparities in health care <sup>1</sup>

**Released February 21**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry and National Security Adviser Samuel Berger on the situation in Iraq

Announcement of the President's letter to Senators on campaign finance reform legislation

**Released February 23**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai of Thailand

Statement by the Press Secretary: Walter Mondale To Visit Indonesia

**Released February 24**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

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<sup>1</sup> This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue. This statement was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary on February 20 but was embargoed for release until 10:06 a.m., February 21.

Transcript of a press briefing by National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling and Council of Economic Advisers Chair Janet Yellen on the national economy and the Federal budget

Statement by the Press Secretary: Presidential Delegation to the Inauguration of the President of the Republic of Korea

Announcement of nomination for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia

**Released February 26**

Statement by the Press Secretary: Surrender of Bosnia War Criminal

Statement by the Press Secretary: 1998 Presidential Certifications for Major Narcotics Producing and Transit Countries

Fact sheet: Overview of 1998 Presidential Certification for Major Drug Producing and Transit Countries

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**Acts Approved  
by the President**

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***Passed February 25, over the President's veto***

H.R. 2631 / Public Law 105-159

Disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45